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THE EDITORIAL BELOW WAS TRANSLATED FROM TODAY'S MORNING EDITION OF EXCELSIOR. THE EMBASSY FEELS THIS ARTICLE REFLECTS A LINE OF CURRENT MEXICAN THINKING.

QUOTE

SOVIET COUNTER-OFFENSIVE IN AMERICA.

MIKOYAN'S SPEECH IN CUBA, SUPPORTING FIDEL CASTRO'S FIVE POINTS, DEMANDS A RE-EXAMINATION OF THE CARIBBEAN PROBLEM. KENNEDY WAS DECEIVED INTO ACCEPTING THE WORD OF HONOR OF A MAN WHO DOES NOT KNOW THE MEANING OF HONOR. HE MADE THE MISTAKE OF THINKING THAT ELIMINATING THE THERMONUCLEAR BASES WAS SUFFICIENT. BUT THIS COULD ONLY SPELL PARTIAL VICTORY.

CAN IT BE THAT THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IS A FIGHTER WHO ONLY WINS FIRST ROUNDS AGAINST COMMUNISM, BUT LOSES THE BOUT IN THE END?

ONE THING IS CERTAIN: KENNEDY HAS AGAIN LOST THE INITIATIVE. HE NO LONGER MAKES DEMANDS; DEMANDS ARE MADE ON HIM. AND THIS, AFTER WHAT HAS ALREADY TAKEN PLACE, ESPECIALLY WITH REGARD TO GUANTANAMO, MAKES IT LOOK VERY MUCH AS IF THE PEDS WERE SNEERING AT THE UNITED STATES. THE BLOCKADE ITSELF HAS TURNED INTO A SYMBOLIC MEASURE.

THE WHITE HOUSE MUST BE AWARE THAT IT HAS FAILED IN ITS POLICY OF THE LAST FEW DAYS AND THAT IT SHOULD RETURN TO THE FIRM RESOLVE SHOWN ON OCTOBER 22. KENNEDY'S ACTION DID AWAY WITH THE ATOMIC THREAT, BUT IT WAS ONLY A PRELIMINARY STEP TOWARDS THE DEFEAT OF COMMUNISM ON THE CONTINENT.

THE SUMMONING OF ALL CONTINENTAL COMMUNIST LEADERS TO A MEETING THAT WAS TO BE HELD SOME PLACE IN AMERICA, MADE ON OCTOBER 6 BY CUBA'S COMMUNIST NEWSPAPER HOY PROVES THE THINGS.

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FIRST, THAT THERE IS AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE KREMLIN AND CASTRO TO LAUNCH A POLITICAL-DIPLOMATIC OFFENSIVE AGAINST THE UNITED STATES AND LATIN AMERICA, OBVIOUSLY WITH THE PURPOSE OF ESTABLISHING A STATUS QUO THAT WILL MAINTAIN FIDEL CASTRO IN POWER AND INSURE A BASE IN CUBA FOR COMMUNIST AGGRESSION AGAINST AMERICA; AND, SECOND, THAT IT HAS BEEN DECIDED TO INTENSIFY COMMUNIST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES IN OUR CONTINENT. THIS MAKES IT CLEAR THAT RED AGGRESSION AGAINST OUR COUNTRIES IS NOT ABOUT TO CEASE, AS SOME NAIVELY THINK, BUT, ON THE CONTRARY, IS LIKELY TO BECOME MORE VIOLENT THROUGHOUT THE HEMISPHERE. HESITATION MUST END. THE WHITE HOUSE MUST TAKE A FIRM STAND THAT WILL PREVENT A COMMUNIST COUNTERSTROKE AGAINST LATIN AMERICA.

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